EMPEROR'S HIGHEST CONCEPTION OF KINGSHIP THAT OF SUPREME SOLDIER

tensifying Germanism. Nothing seemed left undone to whip the empire to white heat. His "November storm in 1998—an indiscreet interview published in England—aroused bitter feeling there. at home and elsewhere abroad. He loved peace, he loved the English, but they did not love him. He even suffered in Germany, he said, for his championship of England. Then for a couple of years, under a rebuke from the Reichstag, he held his peace, but redoubled his effects to make Germany ready. held his peace, but redoubled his ef-forts to make Germany ready. A con-viction is forced on one that German self-confidence, however well founded and which was racial as well as im-perial, brought back to the Kaiser the ciden thought, the old temptation, that the time to round out his career with a brilliant war was at hand. Never of a certainty was the General Staff at Herlin so worked. To the most meticu-lous detail possible campaigns were worked over and distant preparations worked over and distant preparations made, whose range and extent were unknown at home, and unimagined by the outside world at the time. The Kaiser's identification of himself as the Regent of God became more pronounced. At last the occasion came. One need not here review at length very recent history in which the matters in dispute covered litwhich the matters in dispute covered litwhich the matters in dispute covered literal acres of state papers. The heir to the Austrian throne and his wife were sent to death in the public street at Serajevo, in Bosnia by a youth on June 18, 1914. The genesis of the deed was sid to have been traced to Serbia. Seven days later—"the fatal July 5" at a meeting held in Berlin, the Kaiser present, the demands that Austria should make on Serbia were drawn up—terms which no nation could brook entire. Francis Joseph cheved the order from Berlin, Germany drawn up—terms which no nation could brook entire. Francis Joseph cheved the order from Berlin. Germany after July 5 began making preparations for war. Events followed their course. Serbia agreed to all the terms but one. That no nation could endure and live. Withelm had estentatiously gone yachting after July 5. He returned practically to declare war. Austria cried, cally to declare war. Austria cried, ing after July 5. He returned practically to declare war. Austria cried, in look unmoved on this crushing of Serbia, so Kaiser Wilhelm declared war on Russia and invaded Beigium on his way to France. Then came England into the war "in defence of Belgium." Germany calling her treaty with Beigium, in the spirit of Nietzsche and Treitschke and Bernhardi, a scrap of Preitschke and Bernhardi, a scrap of arrived March 11 in Berlin and for

Struggles Over War Decision.

In his own words the casting of the dice of war cost him a tention mental struggle when at last opportunity lay under his hand with the pen on the table and his Minister assuring him that all would be well. He probably doubted his luck, but he signed.

A dash a greater dash and one

eakdown of the first offensive against

Russian lines in the East after the breakdown of the first offensive against France came from the same wild resolve to crush through at all cost, which was the Kaiser's militant creed up to that time, and easily, therefore, the creed of the boy. Shortly thereafter there were signs that the ruling of the great campaigns, even their origin, had been taken away from him, leaving him a really subordinate share in the shaping of the great fighting events.

The marvel is that he held out ugainst it eo long. Such grueiling as he put upon himself, and fate forced on him, no matter what physical precaution is taken, is bound to find the weak spots in a man's mental and physical makeup. The haggard man going from point to point and front to front, seddressing words of cheer and confidence, inoitements to sacrifice to his men in campaigns he was no tonger allowed to direct, with the casualties in the millions, the sea closed to him, the food short, is far from the picture of the debonair Kaiser that had interested the world.

II.

The Life of Emperor William II. The union of Prince Frederick William II.

The union of Prince Frederick William of Prussia with the Princess Victoria of Prussia with the Princess Victoria of England (he 27 and she 18 years old) on January 25, 1858, was blessed with a son, born in Berlin on February 27, 1859. Awaited with anxiety because of the fact that if a boy the child would be heir presumptive to the throne of Trussia, following his father the actual heir, all royal Europe made inquiry. Queen Victoria telegraphed, "Is it a fine boy?" History does not tell us the answer, but doubtless it was an affirmative to the doting grandmother; court etiquette would concede nothing less. They named him Frederick William Victor Albert, happily repeating the names of his father and grandfather on the male side and of his two grandparents on the distaff side. To the court the baby was Urince William.

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Sad to say, he was not a fine baby boy. His young mother, not yet 19 but biyishedly well set up as most of her family, had passed a nervous, worried premancy. At any rate the baby boy was bardly rescued from inanition, and three days after it was observed that he did not move his left arm. The first idea was that there had been had practice by a nervous, inexperienced doctor suddenly called, but it seems to have been established that no doctor, midwife or nurse was to blame; that the deformity was congenital; that it not merely affected the left arm but the whole left side, leaving a tale of weakness in the left legard a condition of the left ear that taled alarms from time to time among the doctors and caused the patient prolonged agonics.

Constitution Excellent.

Constitution Excellent. The boy's constitution was, howear, excellent. His frame expanded, an eatra force went with the normal right side of him, and he grew to take part in childish games with more than usual vigor. He was a lively, including the child with energy enough to the out his nurses. The left seen continued to grow but gained little or no tesh; it finally ceased growing when the child in the continued to grow but gained little or no tesh; it finally ceased growing when the child in the continued to grow but gained little or no tesh; it finally ceased growing when the same the hand remained pitcously small. Here was a handicap for a proud, houghty boy destined to follow a

cursus area.

Crown Prince Born May 6, 1882,
The Crown Prince of Germany, of whose warrike predilection and dubious success as an army commander on pt the west front in France we have heard much since the war began, was born and success as an army commander on pt the west front in France we have heard much since the war began, was born and success as an army commander on the west front in France we have heard much since the war began, was born to the worth with the word of the army and navy, issued on the much since the war began, was born to the army and navy, issued on the followed in precedition and the faster died:

"The Crown Prince of Germany, of war warlike predilection and dubious success as an army commander on pt the west front in France we have heard much since the war began, was born to the worth of the worth in France we have heard much since the war began, was born as all over the imperial family once more, at Emperor William and Queen Victoria became thereby great-grandparents. Some followed in regular glockwork succession, Elici-Friedrich, Adlaberc, Auguste that the eyes of my ancestors look down as became thereby great-grandparents. Some obedience, and I swear ever to remember the simple of the princes Victoria Louisa, born tage, and the stand to cross the courtyards and take on the imperial crown. The relations of a the whole family were amiable enough until 1837, when the aged Emperor William began to fall and the fastal illness of the throat began to develop in the commendation on the imperial crown. The relations of the whole family were amiable enough until 1837, when the aged Emperor William began to fall and the fastal illness of the throat began to develop in the commendation and with the word of the whole family were amiable enough until 1837, when the aged Emperor William began to fall and the fastal illness of the throat began to develop in the commendation of the process of the throat began to develop in the commendation of the process of the throat began to develop in the commendat put his trust in the story of cancer which decide was to act with Bismarck and he actually brought the matter plumply before Frederick. Would he consent not to reign if his maiady proved to be of an incurable kind? Broad minded Frederick would and did in writing. Consent of the consent of

Surrounded Palace With Troops. William II, at 29 was on the throne,

passed away.

William had been in the opposite camp william had been in the opposite camp that all would be well. He probably doubted his luck, but he signed.

A dash, a greater dash and one still greater. The massed German formation in face of modern missiles appealed to him. He would break through; he would not go around. No doubt the plans of the first advance on France ind his approval; they were wholly in lines pirit. The ineffectiveness of the from prince in his attempt to break the first offensive against breakdown of the first offensive against the sale of the communication of the first offensive against the probably to his mother during the ninety days toward bettering the condition of German for their welfare is reconcilable with the necessity of enabling German into the necessity of enabling of the rest in the power of competitude as unnatural. No sooner, however, had the breath left the body of his is abovers. The dwindling of our native industries and such loss of their title industries and such loss of their visiting the condition of German for the many solicitude to the first power of competition in the world's market and thus separate that the body of his is abovers. The dwindling of our native industries and such loss of their visiting the condition of German for the reign. She, in her grief, her worry, her at the many solicitude to the many solicitude to the day repair to Rugen on the Baltic with toward bettering the condition of German for the reign. She, in her grief, her worry, her at the many solicitude to the many solicitude to the many solicitude to the park the probably down of the first advance of the visit to Constantinople, dustry to retain its power of competition in the world's market and thus server than at William's order the beak of the Balkan-Turkey-Egypt phase of the solice that the beak at the body of the solice that the first as a Princess accompanied the Embers of the world's market and thus server that the beak

Debut Startled the Nation.

His debut as Emperor rather fright-

builder. But they got along poorly, Bismarck was too old to change. He hated and feared the people. Soon Emperor and Chancellor were at odds. William espoused the cause of the workingmen, endeavoring to alleviate their condition, secure their old age from want, increase their wages. In this way he hoped to combat socialism. Bismarck knew that it would not, but the most freely unbosomed himself his cruises were always regarded with interest. In these latter the Empression

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peting with their own. Every junker who owned a rood of land cried out against them. The contest took many

So we find the Kalser busy now with army reform and colonial projects. The Kiel Canal had been opened in 1894, and now the fortification of Wilhelms-haven, Helgoland and Kiel proceeded. The selzure of Kiao-chow in 1897 gave new impetus to the colonial idea. The for the great new navy was passed and pretentious, which qualifies too much 1898. William was no longer at odds to his varied acquirements over which his Reichstag. The Socialists were courtiers went crazy. A movement he longer irreconcilable but opportunists, with his Reichstag. The Socialists were no longer irreconcilable but opportunists, like other parties, and where one will German official style was much needed. dicker one may live. The acquisition Thus does he posse his idea: of the Caroline Islands and part of Samos followed. The Kaiser directs that the official the Ger synchting. His yacht, the Meteor, designed by Watson and built in Scotland. on many races. He had a yacht built here, and in 1902 he sent over his naval brother, Prince Henry; a visit middle aged New Yorkers will remember as a "halcyon and vociferous" social event, stirring our society people to great efforts. Sary adverbs, far fetched expression for the Kaiser's prolonged seagoing his great steam yacht Hohenzollern served, her lord went a-yachting did the Great

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military music, and laid down certain rules, which he hoped would in future be conscientiously observed in the entire army.

A grand rehearsal of "Coppelia" was held one day in 1904 at the Royal Opera House, and the Emperor was present. The corps de ballet were engaged in a Slavic dance, and the Emperor did not

showed the dancers and the orchestra statue of Frederick the Great to Am how the dance should be rendered. His how the dance should be rendered. His royal dignity was forgotten in his highly animated explanation of what he wanted. clans until he was satisfied with the

He Writes a Play.

He wrote a play called "Under the Helmet' with some professional assistance. He painted much in his youth but did not often go included the years than pencil sketches and carica-tures, but he had ideas on art. Sad The incident put in dangerous light, too, the Kaiser's resolve to rebuild the German navy, and the programme was so extensive that England thrilled with the news. drew in 1896 shows the open temple in the background, with a mailed figure sword in hand having hurled out the demons who otherwise would ascend the steps. Musicians are playing within and a maiden is proffering a pitcher to a presumably thirsty traveller. It typifies the War Lord as law conqu ing anarchists and other enemies of so-clety, and allowing the world of har-mony to wag on inside. It was medicare

> Thus does he pose his idea:
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> 'The Kaiser directs that the official several participles and infinitives into a brought unsentence is to be avoided as much as Reichstag, possible. The style of reports is to be ber storm. possible. The style of reports is to be grave and measured, free alike from slang and rhetorical bathos. Unneces- son

and clausses, on secondary defences, on jambeaus and bassinets and roundels, the Bayeux tapestry, and in general evinced so complete a knowledge of the subject that the sculptors and courtiers were "flabbergasted." He finished his lecture, said "Adleu," and abruptly left the gathering with his book under his

Roosevelt, whom he greatly admired as a fellow in all knowing and in energy.

The Prussian ruler's relation to the
United States was such a tenuous thing
that it required official assurance to make seem reasonable to raise the effigy so far from home, but there it was in Washington until President Wilson had it taken down and put in a cellar. William is said to have or a group of German artists. In 1905, on February 27, the Kaiser opened with great ceremony and display the great Evangelical Lutheran Cathedral in Berlin to the glory of God and the empire—a marking point in his recognition of his imperial "mission." In 1906 we see him in more gental guise, celebrat-ing with splendor his silver wedding.

Then came his two "Indiscretions," one the interview published November, 1908, in the London Daily Telegraph, in which he poured out his resentment at what he called England's rejection of his overtures and proofs of friendship, how his championship of England caused him unpopularity in Germany, and add-ing the amazing statement not only that he had refused to receive the Boer dele gates in Berlin but had actually caused the German staff to draw up a plan of campaign for the English in South Africa which was practically the plan used by Lord Roberts in wearing down the Boers. It angered everybody, and brought upon him the reproof of the Reichstag. It is known as the "Novem-

ewhere between bud and blog was an interview given to Dr. Hale Goritz for treatment was concealed, but

Von Buclow Lasts Nine Years.

Von Buelow had become Chancellor on the retirement in 1900 of Princa von Hohenlohe, and he lasted nine years, which cover the Algeciras episode, but he did not long outlast the reproof he had to deliver to the Kalser in 1908 on account of his royal loquacity. Mean-while the Crown Prince had been mar-ried and the Kalser had become a grandfather at 47. He saw his daughter marry in 1913 and a month later cele-brated the twenty-fifth anniversary of

Von Bethmann-Hollweg, who followed

as Chancellor, a man trained in smooth diplomacy, took up the reins in 1909— following the short interval of Kiderien-Waechter—to find, as he no doubt expected, that more than ever the Kaiser was "his own Chancellor." He was not the man to stand in William's way. It was surely the Kaiser, not the Chancellor, who of Germany then told the Kaiser that he must not go to war; the money was not it is worth while recalling it ready," he is reported to have What folly it was for Winston Churchill to propose to a man in such servists in the United States who mood as William a truce to warship wouldbuilding. It was of no use. The pre-text was coming, and war was declared. thousand lampposts," said Mr. Gerard. It is thenceforth we see the Kniser aging by the hour. were often circulated lieved. Of late the gr his health lent weight to the story of the overthrown by the Russian projetariat

In January, 1916, reports that cancer to whom his treachery to the Ailles had had appeared were rife. His visit to

the filter day from the privace first. It is provided to the compared to the c

in escaping in any shape from the North Sea fight. In his mouth it was a vic-tory. He honored everybody possible— Hindenburg for Rumania, Von Mackensen for Bucharest. In November Francis Joseph died, and Wilhelm went about Vienna deploring—not deeply. In the following February he was at Vienna

toasting the new Austrian Kalser,

The year 1917 was to be fraught with shadow and started, with the Kaiser's hearty approval, the "ruthless" subma-rine warfare. Desperate the measure seemed in its defrance of all human law. but to Wilhelm all was fair to strike at England. He would calole the United States. But could he? Mr. Gerard had a long tale to tell of palace and Foreign Office chicaneries then. And America had a mind of its own. At the beginning of February we broke off diplomatic re-lations with Germany. The news threw the Kaiser into a purple rage. He blamed Von Bernstorff bitterly The Kaiser pooh-poohed it. His states-men, Generals, Admirals all belittled it. "Then get the money and dy," he is reported to have that America dared not declare war; tolly it was for Winston that there were 500,000 German re-

Indeed for a time the Armenian ques-Stories of illness tion was lost sight of in face of the April d and seidom be-news from Russia, where, almost in a tten circulated and seidom be-news from Russia, where, almost in a Of late the greater silence about night, the Czar and his Government were recurring ear trouble, the vagueness of with such a following of chaotic condi-the terms "cellulitis" recalling the days tions that from one fluctuation to an-when his father suffered at San Remo. other, amid the revolt of the army, the mental state. It was feared he was going insane. He was extremely nervous,
his face twitching. He suffered from a
'bad throat' in 1903. When he recov'bad throat' in 1903. When he recoving received a great popular evation. man people would follow the Russian lead and revolt. In June King Constan-tine of Greece abdicated, and the Kalser,

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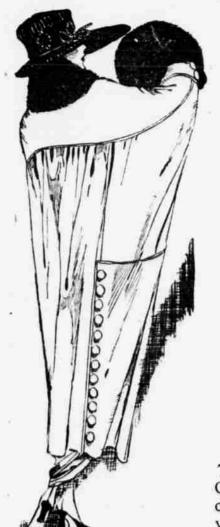
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